(b) whether this has been necessitated due to the sharp fall in DoT's revenue following the introduction of new tariffs structure by TRAI from May last year; and

(c) if so, what are Government's views on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Available date indicate a downtrend in revenue receipts due to tariff reduction. Keeping this in view and taking into account other factors including approved Plan outlay, the Department has projected a borrowing component of Rs. 2152 crores in BE 2000-2001.

Breaking up of DoT

1260. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to break the state-monopoly in the information technology sector and to corporatise the DoT breaking it into five Telecom Corporations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken and being taken in that direction indicating reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) There is no state-monopoly in the information technology sector. It is also not proposed to corporatise the DoT by breaking it into five Telecom Corporations. However, in pursuance of the provisions of the New Telecom Policy 1999 to separate the policy and licensing functions from the service provision functions, as a precursor to corporatisation, the Department of Telecom Services, has been created on 15th October, 99 to handle the service provision functions.

Non Delivery of Money Orders

†1261. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding any Money order sent through a Delhi post office that did not reach its destination during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi